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SUBJECT: WECKMANN'S SUCCESSOR

1. AS REPORTED EARLIER TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM IN
TELCON, PERUVIAN PERMREP PEREZ DE CUELLAR CONFIDED IN
AMBASSADOR BENNETT EVENING SEPTEMBER 15 THAT WALDHEIM
HAD CHOSEN HIM TO REPLACE WECKMANN-MUNOZ ON CYPRUS. PEREZ
DE CUELLAR EXPRESSED NO GREAT ENTHURIASM FOR ASSIGNMENT BUT
SAID IT HAD ALREADY BEEN CLEARED WITH HIS GOVERNMENT; HIS
FENCH-BORN WIFE, WHO SUFFERS FROM HEART TROUBLE, WOULD
BE ABLE TO LIVE IN PARIS; AND THEY WOULD NOT BE TOO MUCH
SEPARATED. PEREZ SAID HE WOULD BE
EXPECTING TO GO TO CYPRUS AROUND OCTOBER 15. IN CONVERSATION
TODAY WITH SYG'S ASSISTANT HENNIG, LATTER CONFIRMED PEREZ'S
ARRIVAL DATE IN CYPRUS AROUND ON OCTOBER 15. HE EXPLAINED
BACKGROUND OF APPOINTMENT IN SAYING THAT WECKMANN-MUNOZ
WOULD BE GETTING ANOTHER EMBASSY IN HIS OWN NATIONAL SERVICE;
DETAILS HAD NOT BEEN FINALIZED YET AND MATTER OF CHANGE
SHOULD THEREFORE BE CLOSELY HELD. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL
THAT WALDHEIM SOME MONTHS AGO HAD DISCUSSED UNEP DIRECTOR
GENERAL JOB WITH PEREZ BUT THAT HAS NEVER DEVELOPED AND
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STRONG REMAINS IN NAIROBI. HENNIG INDICATED CYPRUS WAS A

GOOD WAY TO GET SYG OFF THE HOOK WITH RESPECT TO PEREZ, WHO IS UNIVERSALLY WELL REGARDED, AND AT SAME TIME GIVEN SATISFACTION TO LATIN AMERICAN CLAMOR FOR SUBSTANTIVE UN POSITION THROUGH REPLACEMENT OF WECKMANN-MUNOZ WITH ANOTHER LATIN AMERICAN.

2. PEREZ DE CUELLAR IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY USUN AS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE DIPLOMATS IN NEW YORK. HE REPRESENTED PERU ON SECURITY COUNCIL AND AS SC PRESIDENT WITH DISTINCTION. HE IS INTELLIGENT, CALM AND PATIENT. A PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT, HE HAS MANAGED TO WALK TIGHTTROPE OF CONCEALING HIS DIFFERENCES WITH HIS LEFTWING NATIONALISTIC GOVERNMENT WHILE REPRESENTING IT EFFECTIVELY AT UN. HE HAS BEEN HARMONIZING FORCE ON CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. THE ABOVE TRAITS SHOULD STAND HIM WELL IN CYPRUS.
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